



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

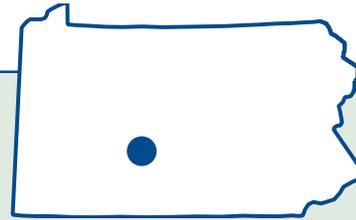
Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, PA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Johnstown Redevelopment Authority was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in western Pennsylvania in Cambria County, Johnstown (population 23,906) once produced two million tons of steel a year. Today, the city produces no steel and is scarred by the legacy of its industrial past. More than 12 miles of vacant or underutilized steel mills blight the length of the city, and more than 12,000 jobs were lost when the steel mills ceased operations in 1992. The city's poverty rate exceeds 24 percent, and nearly 42 percent of families with a female head-of-house-



Cleanup Grant

New
2006

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Rosedale KOZ/Ore Yard site on Ore Yard Road, which is contaminated with heavy metals and semivolatile organic compounds. The Bethlehem Steel Corporation used the site for storing raw materials used in the steel-making process. Grant funds also will be used to perform community outreach activities and develop cleanup plans.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

hold live in poverty. In addition to economic distress, the area faces potential health risks associated with former industrial sites. The incidence of cancer in males in Cambria County is almost twice the state rate. A local company has expressed interest in expanding its operations onto the cleanup property, and once hazardous substances contamination has been addressed, the site can be redeveloped with greenspace, commercial, recreational, and industrial space. Brownfields redevelopment will create jobs, aid economic recovery, remove potential health and

environmental threats, and generally enhance the quality of life for city residents.